

1. DATE - TIME GROUP October 1951	2. LOCATION Gonzales, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION TUMBLING Object resembles weed such as a tumbleweed being blown in the air. Description of motion and object lead to this conclusion. No indication that this could NOT have been the cause.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One object observed in front of car as it came over hill. Appeared to be a round object about 6 ft in diameter. Had center of creamy white about 2 ft in diameter and the outer ring was greyish white. Looked like smoke. Unable to determine depth. Appeared to be at 30 deg elevation to the South moving from East to West. Observed for about 1/2 minute during which time the object covered 15 degrees of arc. No sound, no odor. Noticed at about 1/2 mile distant. Object seemed to float. When car moved over hill it went down into dip and upon coming up again the object was gone. Sun shining, some clouds in background. Object stood out prominently from clouds. Thought at first it could have been a cloud.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-39/6 DATE 12 June 1952
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REPORT MADE BY REUBEN STRICKLAND, S/A TO

TITLE
Unusual Aerial Phenomena
Sighted from Gonzales,
Texas, and Vicinity

REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

PERIOD 20-21 May 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander, based on information from FBI Field Office, San Antonio, Texas, that [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, and two other persons had observed an unusual aerial phenomena. Investigation revealed that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all of Gonzales, Texas, had observed an aerial phenomena east south east of center of Gonzales, summer of 1951. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, had seen two (2) unusual aerial objects, one while driving through Shiner, Texas, and one while driving on Highway #3 at Oak Forest, Texas. One was unusual because it appeared to vanish into a ball of fire, and the other because it had no markings or insignia. Mrs. [REDACTED] and husband saw an unusual circular aerial object while driving south on Highway #3, approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales. Acquaintances stated reliability of K. D. SHULER and [REDACTED] might be questionable. All other interviewees were considered reliable.

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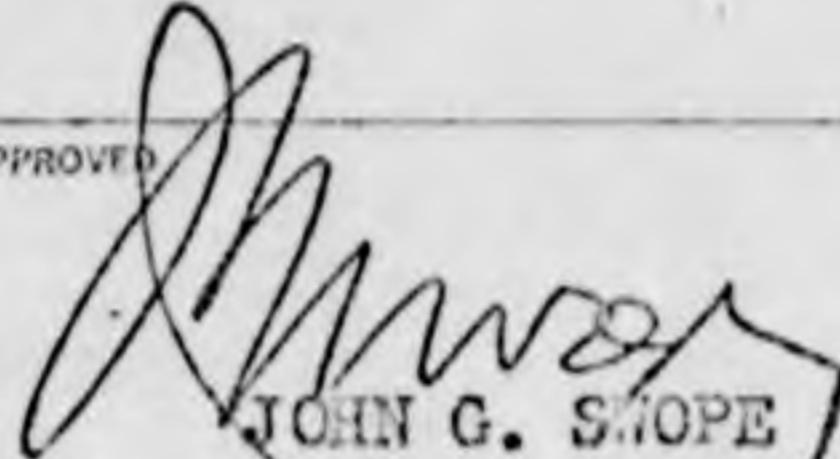
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5. On 21 May 1952, Mrs. ██████████, Plaza Hotel, ██████████ James Street, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed in reference to an unusual aerial phenomena she had seen near Gonzales, Texas, approximately in October 1951. The object had been sighted while she and her husband were driving toward Gonzales on Highway # 3 approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales. As they reached the summit of a small hill the object appeared straight ahead and at first it was believed to be a grayish cloud with a white circle around it. Upon closer observation, by both she and her husband, it seemed to be something other than a cloud and it was moving as if there was some means of power propelling it. Mrs. ██████████ stated she did not know if the object was of a solid material or not. She further stated that if she had been alone and the only person to have seen it she would have considered it a figment of her imagination, but since her husband also saw it and after they had discussed what they saw, they decided it could have been a "flying saucer". Mrs. ██████████ gave the following information concerning the aerial phenomena:

Q. Date of observation?

A. Approximately eight (8) months ago.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?

A. Four (4) - five (5) PM.

Q. Place of observation?

A. Approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales on Highway # 3.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?

A. Driving automobile south on highway.

Q. What attracted attention to object?

A. Looked up when came over hill and it was right in front.

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?

A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?

A. Round, about two (2) yards in diameter.

Q. Color of object?

A. Center looked white, creamy - was about two (2) feet in diameter. Outer ring was a darker grayish white.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?

A. Outer ring was round, unable to determine depth, inner ring looked circular but more than one circle. Looked like smoke.

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- Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. Approximately 30° .
- Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. Directly south.
- Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. Flight was from east to west.
- Q. Time in sight?
A. Probably one-half (1/2) minute.
- Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. One-half (1/2) minute to cover 15° .
- Q. Sound and odor?
A. No sound. No odor.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?
A. One-half (1/2) mile from observer. Was between observer and Gonzales, Texas.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?
A. No trail.
- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?
A. Outer edge of outer ring seemed to have light reflecting from it as sun shining on aluminum.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. None.
- Q. Manoevers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?
A. Straight course of flight, seemed to float.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Observer moved down hill then the object was beyond the hill out of sight.
- Q. Effect on clouds?
A. Sun was shining - some clouds in the background. Object stood out prominent from clouds. No effect on clouds.

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- Q. Additional information concerning object?
- A. Thought it could have been a cloud at first then decided it wasn't. Finally thought it could have been a "flying saucer" since they had heard and read about them.
- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
- A. Weather clear - sun shining, visibility unlimited.
- Q. Name and address of observer?
- A. Mrs. ██████████ ██████████ James Street,
Gonzales, Texas.
- Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
- A. Wears glasses all time - had them on at time. Saw through windshield - was clean. Able to recognize aircraft.

Mr. ██████████ was not available for interview, however, Mrs. ██████████ stated they had recently discussed the object and what she had stated was also the views of Mr. ██████████.

6. On 21 May 1952, Sheriff L. ██████████ Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, advised that he has known the following persons ten (10), fifteen (15) and thirty (30) years respectively and considered them to be completely reliable and truthful. None had ever been in any trouble and were respected citizens of Gonzales, Texas:

Mr. ██████████
Mr. ██████████
Mrs. ██████████

Sheriff McGINTY further advised that he did not know ██████████ but knew his father very well and that he worked for the City of Gonzales. He advised that he considered ██████████ father reliable and trustworthy, and that he had no reason to doubt ██████████ son ██████████ being of the same caliber person.

7. On 21 May 1952, Mr. ██████████ Vice President, Gonzales State Bank, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed concerning the reliability, honesty, and character of the following persons:

Mr. ██████████ IS
Mr. ██████████
Mrs. ██████████

Mr. ██████████ advised that he only knew Mr. ██████████ through banking business and, therefore, he was unable to attest to the credibility of any information

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Mr. ██████████ might relate. Mr. ██████████ advised that he had known Mr. ██████████ all his life and that he believed ██████████ was of good character and trustworthy, however, he had some doubt about the credibility of information received from ██████████. Mr. ██████████ stated that ██████████ might be inclined to seek publicity. He based this on the way ██████████ would greet him whenever they met, which was quite frequently. ██████████ would greet him ██████████ as if they had not seen each other in months when in fact it may have not been over a day or two since they had spoken to each other. Mr. ██████████ further advised that he did not know just how to express what he meant, but that SHULER was peculiar in a way and might exaggerate the truth or supplement it through his imagination.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he had known Mrs. [REDACTED] for many years and believed her to be completely reliable, honest, trustworthy, and that any information she related would be credible.

8. On 21 May 1952, Mrs. ██████████, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and stated substantially the same as Mr. ██████████ concerning the honesty, character, and credibility of Mr. ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████. Mrs. ██████████ further advised that Mr. A. L. NORRIS was honest, trustworthy, and reliable, but that he had changed considerably since he had been injured in a fire and that at present, she was somewhat doubtful about the credibility of information he might relate because he seemed to read and think a great deal and then use his imagination to supplement the facts. Mrs. ██████████ further stated that she did not wish to imply that anyone of the three (3) persons would make up a complete falsehood or that they were not basically honest, truthful, dependable, and reliable.

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1951 SIGHTINGS

CASE	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
1	Nov	Montreal, Canada	[REDACTED]	Astro (Meteor)
2	Nov	Los Angles, California	[REDACTED]	Other (PSYCHOLOGICAL)
3	2	47N 57.35W (Atlantic)	[REDACTED]	Astro (Meteor)
4	2	Rolla, Kansas	Unknown	Astro (Meteor)
5	2	49.25N 53.30W (Atlantic)	Civilian (Pilot)	INSUFFICIENT DATA
6	2	Mojave, California	[REDACTED] (Mr & Mrs)	Other (PSYCHOLOGICAL)
7	7	Oklahoma	Multi	Astro (Meteor)
8	11	South Wales, New York	[REDACTED]	Other (Contrails)
9	18	Andrews AFB, Washington	Civilian (Pilot)	UNIDENTIFIED
10	-23	Riverside, California	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (Hoax)
11	24	Mankato, Minnesota	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
12	24	Southern Michigan	Military & Civilian	Astro (Meteor)
13	25	Bimini, Key West, Florida	Military	INSUFFICIENT DATA
14	26	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Astro (Meteor)
15	26	Greenland	Military	INSUFFICIENT DATA
16	28	Riverside, California	[REDACTED]	Other (Conflicting Da)

DECEMBER SIGHTINGS

CASE	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
1		Winter New Zealand	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (Lenticular Cloud)
2	Dec	Nebraska City, Nebraska	[REDACTED]	Other (PSYCHOLOGICAL)
3	7	Oak Ridge, Tenn	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
4	7	Kansas City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
5	7	Sunbury, Ohio	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
6	10	Buffalo, New York	Military	Astro (Meteor)
7	12	Hastings, Minnesota	Military	Balloon
8	17	McDonough, Georgia	Unknown (PHYSICAL SPECIMEN)	Balloon
9	22	Hamden, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (Star/Planet)
10	22	Columbus, Ohio	Military	Balloon
11	23	Alexandria, Virginia	Military	A/C
12	31	Keck, Kentucky	Multi (Civilian)	Astro (JUPITER)

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